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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Daqing Sun *et al.*  
Application No. : 10/085,323  
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Title : EFFECTIVE USE OF PROTEASE IN WINEMAKING  
Group/Art Unit : 1761  
Examiner : Curtis Edward Sherrer  
Docket No. : VRI0002

M/S FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed on June 18, 2004, is acknowledged.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Responsive to the Election/Restrictions requirement mailed June 18, 2004, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution claims directed to the claimed invention protease being added to the fermentable material before fermentation without traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 3-35 read on the elected species. Applicant submits claims 1, 4-9, 11, 15, 16, 21 and 24-32 are generic claims, and claims 3, 10, 12-14, 17-20, 22, 23 and 33-35 are directed on the invention of protease being added to the fermentable material before fermentation without traverse.